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SUBJECT: RUPEE SETTLEMENT: BYRD AMENDMENT

REF: STATE 201193; NEW DELHI 11883

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE MADE ROUND OF CONTACTS WITH SELECTED STAFFERS/
MEMBERS JOINT HOUSE/SENATE CONFERENCE ON AID BILL OCTOBER

11. PROGNOSIS FOR DELETION BYRD AMENDMENT REMAINS GOOD.

2. CONFEREES ARE:

HOUSE: THOMAS E. MORGAN, CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, WAYNE

L. HAYS, DANTE B. FASCELL, WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD, PETER

H.B. FRELINGHUYSEN, WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD.

SENATE: J.W. FULBRIGHT, FRANK CHURCH, HUBERT HUMPHREY,

GEORGE D. AIKEN, CLIFFORD P. CASE.

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3. OUR REASONS FOR BELIEVING WE HAVE GOOD CHANCE OBTAIN DELETION BYRD AMENDMENT FROM AID BILL INCLUDE:

A. HFAC STAFFERS CONCERNED REPORT THAT HOUSE CONFEREES WILL SUPPORT STRONGLY ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON DELETION BYRD AMENDMENT;

B. STAFFERS OF MOST OF SENATE CONFEREES HAVE INDICATED THEIR SENATORS AGREEABLE TO DELETION.

C. SENATOR BYRD, AT KISSINGER RECEPTION OCT. 10, INDICATED RESIGNATION RE FATE OF HIS AMENDMENT.

4. CONFERENCE HELD FIRST SESSION OCTOBER 11, BUT NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED RECONVENE BEFORE 10-14 DAYS. WE CONTINUING KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CONFEREES AND STAFFERS.

5. WHILE NO ONE HERE IS COUNTING CHICKENS, WE NOW RPT NOW ENGAGING IN LOWER KEY STRATEGY THAN WAS CASE WITH DEFENSE PROCUREMENT BILL AND AT THIS POINT DO NOT THINK WE WILL NEED YOU BACK HERE TO CONSULT WITH AID BILL CONFEREES.

6. AS PART OF OUR STRATEGY, WE CONTINUE STRICTLY LIMIT OUR COMMENTS TO PRESS AND WANT EMBASSY STICK WITH NO COMMENT APPROACH AS HERETOFORE. KISSINGER

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